

[English]

Missing of Necklace of Ex-Maharaja of Baroda

2965. SHRI MOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the seven-strand pearl necklace of the Ex-Maharaja of Baroda is included in the list of regalia items;

(b) whether the historical necklace with all its seven strands is now within the country; and

(c) if not, when the missing strands were sold and other details regarding its disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government of India in the White Paper published in 1950 had stated inter alia that in a large number of cases ancestral jewellery has been treated as heirloom to be preserved for the Ruling family. In the case of States having valuable regalia, such articles are to remain in the custody of the Ruler for use on ceremonial occasions and they will be subject to periodical inspection by the Government concerned.

(b) and (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Samaj sadans at Chandigarh

2966. SHRI PAWANKUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Samaj Sadan has been constructed by the U.T. Administration

of Chandigarh during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of future plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d). As per information received from the Union Territory Administration, the existing facilities which are being provided by voluntary organisations/Agencies, in Chandigarh, adequately meet the requirement of the population of the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The Chandigarh Administration had provided aid in one form or the other to some of the Voluntary organisations for creating such facilities.

12.00 hrs.

[Translation]

SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH (Sheohar): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to discuss an issue very seriously which is agitating the minds of all the members. Time and again our colleague Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has raised this issue. In the recent years Harijans and Girijans have been subjected to atrocities. Whenever these people are subjected to atrocities, the issue is merely discussed here and the State Governments do not take any action, be it the Government of Andhra Pradesh or any other State Government. Now these incidents occur